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BEIRUT'S 339 TO DEPT NC

AS STATED EMBTEL 1789, EMBASSY HAS NO CASE PRESENT RE DESIRABILITY JORDANIAN PURCHASE FRENCH AIRCRAFT; THIS VIEW APPLIES, A FORTIORI, LEBANESE PURCHASE FRENCH PLANES. HOWEVER, PURSUANT OUR EXCHANGES WITH FRENCH GOVERNMENT ON MILITARY AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT BY AREA STATES (SAUDI ARABIA EXCEPTED), GOF UNDER IMPRESSION US DOES NOT WISH COMPETE FOR EVENTUAL MILITARY AIRCRAFT ORDERS FROM LEBANON, JORDAN AND ISRAEL AND, AS HAS FREQUENTLY BEEN AFFIRMED, WOULD PREFER THEIR REQUIREMENTS TO BE MET FROM OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN SOURCE (SEE INTERALIA EMBTEL 6458 AND DEPCIRTEL 2251).

FRENCH GOVERNMENT, WHILE OF COURSE PURSUING OWN INTERESTS, SIGNIFICANTLY ASSISTED US BY ENGAGING JORDANIAN AND LEBANESE GOVERNMENTS IN AIRCRAFT DISCUSSIONS DURING TENSE PRE-CASABLANCA SUMMIT PERIOD WHEN PRESSURE UPON US HELP THESE GOVERNMENTS MEET UAC REQUIREMENTS WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE PEAKED. IF BEIRUT'S REFTEL INDICATE REVIEW US GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE AND DECISION ATTEMPT INTEREST LEBANESE IN US AIRCRAFT, EMBASSY BELIEVES WE SHOULD SO INFORM GOF.
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